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PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT LETTER NO. 92-15 (842)

SUBJECT: Special Coverage Under FERS for Law Enforcement
Officers and Firefighters: Change of Approval
Authority

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) issued final regulations in the Federal Register dated July 23, 1992, on the special retirement provisions for law enforcement officers and firefighters under the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS). These regulations were also transmitted by FPM Bulletin 330-34 dated August 7, 1992.

Those bureaus employing law enforcement officers and firefighters will find the supplementary information helpful in understanding the changes OPM has made to the final regulations.

Among the changes, OPM has now allowed agencies to delegate the authority to approve FERS determinations to a single headquarters official who reports directly to the department head and who is sensitive to long term budget and personnel implications. The Assistant Secretary - Policy, Management and Budget will now make FERS determinations for the Secretary of the Interior.

In order to facilitate bureau requests for position approval under FERS special provisions for law enforcement officers and firefighters, the attached format is required to assure that proper signatures of concurrence are obtained.

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Director of Personnel

Attachment

INQUIRIES:

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CERTIFICATION OF APPROVAL

Special Coverage Under The Federal Employees
Retirement System for Law Enforcement Officers
and Firefighters

Classification Title _____

Organization Title _____

Series and Grade _____

Position Classification Number _____

Bureau _____

Category _____

Concur:

Bureau Head Date

Program Assistant Secretary Date

Director of Personnel Date

The position described above is approved for special retirement coverage for law enforcement officers and firefighters under the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS) and is in accordance with 5 CFR, Part 842, Subpart H:

Assistant Secretary - Policy Date
Management and Budget